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SUBJECT: MBFR VERIFICATION: CLOSED ZONE RESTRICTIONS

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1. FOLLOWING OUR INITIATIVE POLAND AND THE US AGREED TO
END CLOSED ZONE RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENT OFFICIALS WHICH
HAVE APPLIED SINCE 1964. RESTRICTIONS WHICH ENDED ON JUNE
4, 1974, DID NOT APPLY TO VISITING OFFICIALS OR TO NON-
OFFICIAL CITIZENS OF THE TWO NATIONS.

2. RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED ON ALL WARSAW PACT NATIONS (EX-
CEPT USSR WHICH HAS SEPARATE RESTRICTIONS) BY THE US IN
1964 AND WERE APPLIED RECIPROCALLY BY THESE NATIONS TO US
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OFFICIALS. THEY STILL APPLY THROUGHOUT THE REST OF EASTERN

EUROPE EXCEPT IN ROMANIA WHERE THEY WERE LIFTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO ALSO BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

3. THE EFFECT OF THIS IS THAT RESIDENT US OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MILITARY ATTACHES, ARE FREE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN POLAND AND ROMANIA WITHOUT GIVING ADVANCE NOTICE OR RECEIVING PERMISSION. NORMAL PROHIBITION ON ENTERING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WITHOUT PERMISSION STILL APPLIES, OF COURSE. WHILE POLISH AGREEMENT WAS CLEARLY OUTSIDE THE MBFR CONTEXT, IT DOES EVIDENCE WARSAW'S ABILITY TO TOLERATE A MODEST INCREASE IN AMERICAN ATTACHES ABILITY TO TRAVEL. IT SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE NOTED THAT SOVIET SENSITIVITY TO OBSERVATION OF THEIR FORCES REMAINS STRONG. COMMANDER IN CHIEF, SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY ON JUNE 10 MADE ADDITIONS TO EXISTING PRA'S IN EAST GERMANY WHICH SCREEN ADDITIONAL AIRFIELDS AND HIGHWAYS FROM GROUND OBSERVATION. SISCO

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